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BEST BANDS IN THE LAND



College's "Rock" band, under director Dave wins the summer position in last month's Stage Band Festival held at Huron, York University. The "A" band out of Mum and Ottawa's "Solid Brass" jazz group honours in a unanimous judge's decision. of the three-day competition will be televised on C.T.V.

Photo by Bill Waicus Jr.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Jane Corridor will not be published in June and August. We will be back in September.

There will be a general meeting of the Ward 3 residents on September 22nd to ratify a new board and elect members to the Planning Board. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Gate Community Centre on September 22nd and will start at 8:00 p.m. All residents of Ward 3 are invited to attend.

WE ALL OF US
WANT A
GREAT SUMMER!

STAFF REPORT DELAYED SUMMER HEARING A POSSIBILITY

By Pat O'Neill

The North York planning staff report (regarding the parcel of land on the Northwest corner of Jane and Finch), originally scheduled to be heard on May 25th, will not be ready for the Planning Board meeting on June 9th due to delays caused by recent labour problems in the Borough. The report is now likely to be heard at the June 23rd meeting of the Planning Board.

This may result in the Public Hearing being held on either July 7th or August 11th, when many Ward 3 residents are away for their summer vacation. Katie Hayhurst has requested that the tentative date of July 7th be postponed

since she will be on her honeymoon at that time.

The Urban Planning Group had originally requested a June hearing so that all of the interested residents of the community would be able to attend. It would appear that a similar situation is developing to that of two years ago when, after Council had agreed to a study of the area, the Board of Control turned down the study during the summer months when many residents were away from the city.

Hearings are not normally held during the summer months and the Urban planning Group intend to strongly protest the proposal. The interminable delays which have

beset this project have not been due to a lack of preparation on the part of the community. The Urban Planning Group have continually pressed for answers and decisions from the Borough and have offered assistance in providing information and setting up meetings to expedite matters.

Members of the group are currently holding meetings with the developers in an attempt to resolve some of the problems to the mutual benefit of both parties.

In order to best serve the interests of the people they are elected or hired to represent, it is hoped that the Planning Board will defer the Hearing until September.

PICNIC WEDDING FOR KATIE

An interesting July 1 wedding celebration is being planned for Katie Hayhurst, Ward 3 Alderman, and her groom to be, Dennis Kuch.

There will be two ceremonies. The first will be for the immediate families and will take place in the Old Church in Pioneer Village. Fred Young, MPP for Yorkview and an ordained Minister of the United Church of Canada, will officiate at a simple ceremony. Later, there will be a reception lunch at Halfway House. This will be the first time the two sets of parents will be meeting and the bride and groom hope this intimate setting will give them a chance to get acquainted.

"The second ceremony," says Katie, "will reflect our love of nature and environmental concerns -- the things that brought us together." It will take place on the Bruce Trail near Terra Cotta. Here Ms Hayhurst and Mr. Kuch will exchange personally written vows, with Dr. Carl Atwood, a good friend, officiating. There will be guitar music written and performed by Arlene Mantle, a Ward 3 resident; Lyrics by the bride and groom.

To promote a co-operative feeling and to help keep costs down, a picnic supper will follow the ceremony. The guests are being asked to bring their favourite dishes and the recipes will be given to the newlyweds.

Katie met Dennis in February, 1975 while skiing



Katie Hayhurst and Dennis Kuch to wed.

Photo by M. Steinbach

in Algonquin Park. He has recently resigned from a teaching position at McGill University to settle in Toronto where he will be working as a consultant for environmental organizations. He describes himself as a "strong environmental activist."

In keeping with their lifestyles, Katie and Dennis' honeymoon will be a motorcycle trip to the Yukon -- specifically to a new wilderness park, Kluane National Park. "The motorcycle is as quiet as an automobile and has better gas mileage. Besides," says Katie, "it provides an opportunity to be much closer to the earth and you can smell the wheat fields as you ride along the prairie."

This honeymoon trip will have to wait a few days, though. There is a Council meeting on Monday, July 5th and Katie plans to stay in town to attend. She explains that this is typical of the kinds of adjustment one has to make when being married to a politician, man or woman. The hours are long and irregular. She says Dennis "respects my work as a politician and is very supportive." Dennis says that's one of the reasons they're getting married. "It's very difficult to date a politician. If we want to be able to see each other at all, we need to live together." The newlyweds will "set up housekeeping" in Katie's home in Toronto. She will remain in her home in the area after the wedding.



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From Your Editor

The Jane Corridor will be taking a holiday for the months of July and August. Hopefully our volunteers will get a good rest and be eager to get back to work in the fall. So, as this is to be our last issue until September, I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the wonderful people who have helped to bring you this paper. They've not only made my job easier, but, best of all, they've made it fun.

My business staff has been fantastic. A hearty thank you goes first to Ada Jones, my original business manager. She had the mammoth job of actually putting together from scratch the business aspect of this newspaper. I truly am amazed at how she brought order out of chaos and helped me keep my sanity when we were just beginning and nerves were frazzled. Ada has passed her information on to Sheena Suttaby who is admirably and enthusiastically carrying on. Sheena -- my right hand woman -- you're marvellous.

Our two advertising salespersons -- Lois Favro and Chris McCluskey -- have been tirelessly pounding the pavements to sell ads so we can pay the printer. Their terrific results are evident on these pages. (Thanks also to Cindy, Janet, and Edith).

I really don't know how I can sufficiently express my gratitude to our volunteer staff, whose names appear regularly in the masthead above this column. They have been hard-working and dedicated and I am grateful. (A special thanks for staying in fairly good spirits during the hours spent waiting and waiting for the newspapers to arrive so we could bundle).

Another group of volunteers, whose names you know by their bylines, are the contributors to the Jane Corridor. A heartfelt thanks to all of you for taking the time to submit articles (especially to those who got their articles in before the deadline). I hope I will be forgiven my nagging question every few days, "Is your article ready yet?"

And now the volunteers who help deliver the Jane Corridor. You people, headed by Gerry Goebel, are really deserving of a rousing round of applause. I have said before that there would be no Jane Corridor without you and that is true. So you people especially -- rest those feet this summer.

There's one more person who must be mentioned. She has worked quietly behind the scenes to keep our books balanced and our payroll records in order. There have been many Sundays and evenings we have worked together huddled over the books to send in the forms that our L.I.P. grant required. Liza Costigliola, I thank you.

Finally let me thank all of you who have taken the time to give all of us at the Jane Corridor your thank yous and appreciation. It means so much!

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

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Please keep September 22nd open for a general meeting of the Jane Corridor.

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Remember, we need your financial support to keep operating. Please send in your donations.



..... Readers Forum

Dear Editor:

In response to Professor Steinbach's letter in your April issue concerning the trail bikers in the Black Creek Ravine area north of Finch, I would like to add my support. Residents of the area have long enjoyed the scenery and tranquility of the ravine.

While some of the young trail bikers may be unaware that the operation of motorized vehicles in the ravine is prohibited, others are oblivious both to the law and the disturbance their vehicles create. The roar from the bikes disturbs the birds, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, and other animals that live in the valley and woodlands. In addition, the bikers ride through the underbrush destroying plants, wildflowers, and the eggs and homes of nesting birds. Surely the wildlife warrants protection in what is supposed to be a conservation area.

Parents of youngsters with trail bikes should be especially concerned, not only because the operation of these vehicles is illegal in the conservation area and is inconsiderate to the local residents,

but also because many bikers are exceedingly reckless on the steep slopes; some don't even wear helmets. Many of the trails have deep holes and unless the bikers are more careful, a tragedy is almost inevitable.

Over the past few weeks the number of bikers has been steadily increasing. As summer approaches, the situation will undoubtedly get worse.

It is an unfortunate situation that so many youngsters are so inundated by advertisers that they are apparently unable to enjoy the fields and trails without using noisy and polluting vehicles. At a time of declining physical fitness among young Canadians, this trail biking fad is not only detrimental to our environment but also to our health. Rather than trying to run down the bikers, perhaps the bikers should be encouraged to walk on the paths and learn to enjoy the peace and beauty of our few remaining natural woodlands without the accompanying roar of an engine.

Sincerely,
Linda Mantle

Dear Editor,

Believe it or not, there is violence in girls' sports. At one point, violence was thought to be just between guys in hockey games or a boxing match. Now it has come to light that girls can get very dangerous in competitive sport. I recently participated in a brutal game of indoor soccer at Westview Secondary School. I ended up in hospital with "water on the knee." I could have been hurt many times if I had not been aware of the violent nature of some of the other girls. Those girls kicked, pushed, scratched and held against the wall any other girl trying to get to the ball. Some girls were stepped on and had their ankles dislocated. Some got "black and blue" bruises, while some others

were hit on face and stomach by the flying ball. This brutality could only have been started by two kinds of influence on the girls' minds. The girls could just be of a very destructive nature when it comes to winning or, second, they probably feel they should act like guys and fight all through the game. I feel that everyone is human with the instinct to fight so that violence in any type of sport, whether all male or all female, can never be totally stopped.

Meanwhile girls, when you join into a sport like hockey or basketball or indoor soccer, watch out for the other girl. She may jump on you before you know.

Still recuperating,
Evelyn Greenidge,
2901 Jane Street

Dear Editor,

Democracy is a system which requires the participation of the electorate as well as the elected officials to make it work for the benefit of a community.

Recently, I have heard several complaints, mostly from people who would like the job themselves, that our Alderman is not political; she does not wheel and deal.

Having worked very closely with Katie for several years, I can vouch for that, which is precisely why I will continue to support her. She is probably the most honest representative we could have chosen. She keeps us informed on issues which affect us, asks what we want to do about them and goes to council to fight for us.

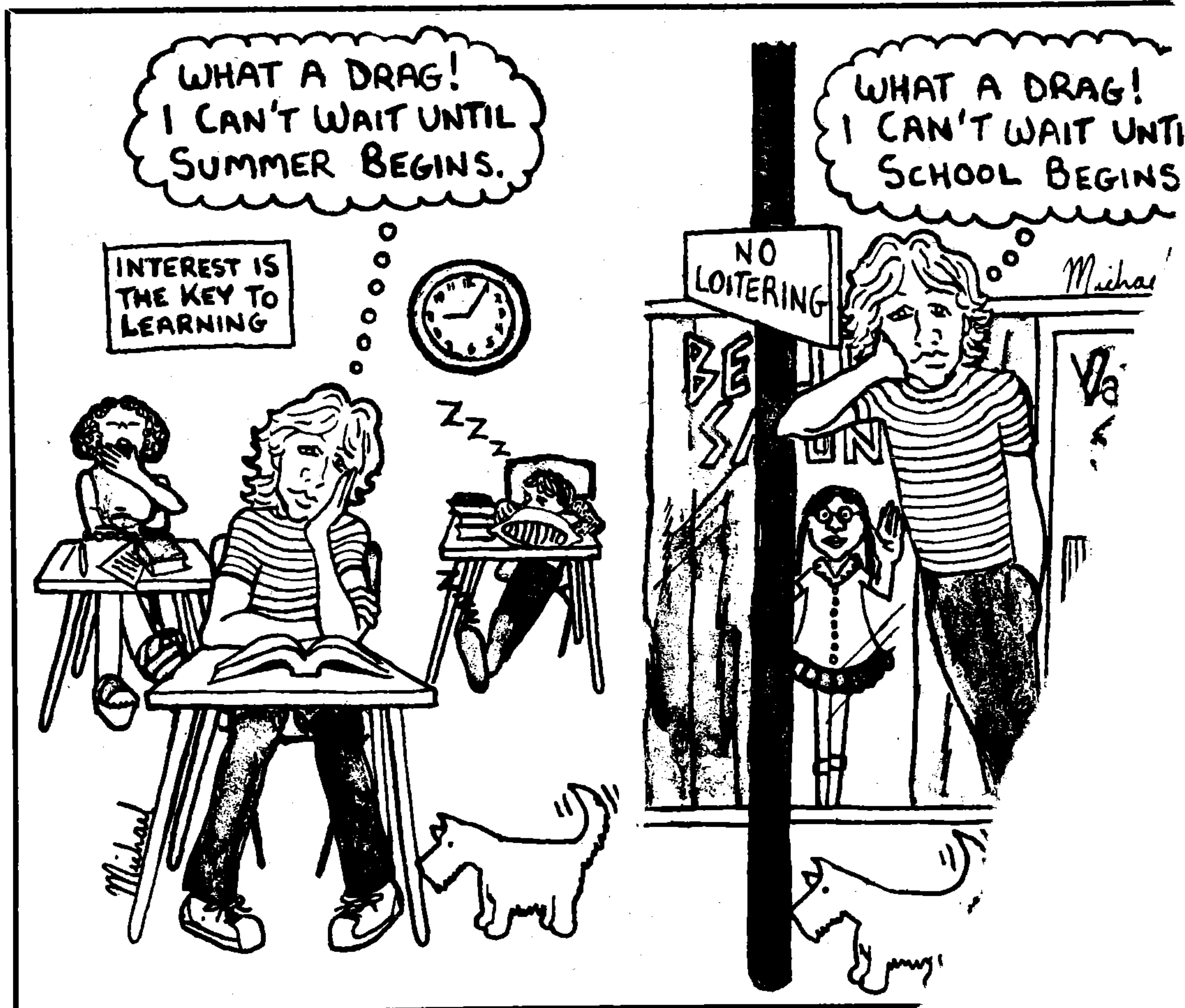
That is not a comfortable position to be in -- it's a hot seat -- particularly when most members of Council are wheeler dealers. It is even more uncomfortable when some of the people she is working for, rather than getting involved to help themselves, sit back and take cheap shots at her.

Our community is lucky to have Katie to represent it, but we must learn to take our part in making democracy work.

When 250 people from York Mills went to Council on transportation problems in their community, they won their point immediately. They were also treated to illuminating experience seeing the kind of reaction they have were shocked, to

If we want results must show Council enough to attend ourselves heard. election time roll watch out for the dealers.

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Editor's Follow-up: Ravine Abuses

In the April Readers' Forum, two readers complained of misuses of the Black Creek Ravine area North of Finch. Mr. & Mrs. MacKay wrote of "hunters" training their dogs to flush out pheasant and M. Steinbach described the roar and destruction that accompanied trail bikers along the slopes. Interest in this issue continues: see this month's letter from L. Mantle.

I wrote to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to inform them of these activities and to ask if laws existed that protect the ravine and its wildlife. I received a lengthy reply from C. Mather, P. Eng., of the Water Resources Division. He informed me that under the Games & Fisheries Act it is an offence "... to take or possess a live protected bird or interfere with its eggs or nest." Likewise, it is an offence to allow a dog to "... molest or follow on the track of any

game bird during the months of April, May, June and July." The fine is \$1,000. The provisions under the Conservation Authorities Act 128/65 are more general: Section 4(c) states "No person shall kill, trap, hunt, pursue or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed any wild animal or bird within a conservation area." The fine is \$100.

With respect to trail bikes, General Parks Bylaw 1551, enforced by Metro Police, prohibits the use of motor vehicles "... except upon the roadways therein designated for public vehicular use." There are, of course no such roadways in the ravine. The fine is \$300.

Hunters, trail bikers and others who abuse the natural environment and wildlife of the Black Creek Ravine area are in violation of the law. Signs should be posted to provide a warning, but if the warning is not heeded, then the police should be called.

Public Housing Tenants To Urge Two Year Lease

By Pat O'Neill

One of the main topics of the Federation of Ontario Tenants Associations conference, to be held on June 19th and 20th in Toronto, will be a proposal for a two year lease. With public housing tenants about to lose the protection of the Rent Control Legislation, the need for a two year lease will be even more necessary.

For many public housing tenants, the current system of a one year lease based on 25% of gross family income, acts as a trap which makes it almost impossible for them to save enough to move into the private market.

Although many families are paying rents which are at the market level, often the number of children presents difficulties when trying to rent on the open market.

One family with five children were paying over \$300.00 based on the husband's income alone. As the children reached their teens, the mother wished to return to work. She secured a well-paying position but to remain in public housing, the rent for the family would have risen to over \$500.00 and they were unable to rent privately.

Another family, with four children, was able to find a house to rent by moving out of the city. They had been paying over \$300.00 a month for a small 3 bedroom house in a noisy, crowded neighbourhood.

For single parent family, the problems are often more complex. Working mothers

seldom earn enough to rent privately at today's inflated prices. While the single parent father often can afford the market price, he encounters other barriers. One, with three children, was refused accommodation and was told that, because he would be working, his children would not be properly supervised. He currently pays over \$300.00 a month to live in subsidized housing.

Many provinces already do give tenants a two year lease. In Quebec, tenants are given a two year lease based on the income of the head of the household only.

This gives families an opportunity to save and often they are able to buy once their lease expires, thus giving tenants an incentive to help themselves.

Tenant participation in management will also be a major topic of the F.O.T.A. conference. In Manitoba, tenants are involved at all levels of decision making from the choice of sites to ongoing administration.

Only recently has Ontario made some attempts to encourage tenant involvement. Recent experiments in Regent Park have shown that costs can be drastically reduced when tenants participate in managing their projects.

In spite of many setbacks and frustrations, the number of organized tenants' groups is growing. F.O.T.A. is confident that tenants will gain increasing influence in decision making which affects their communities.

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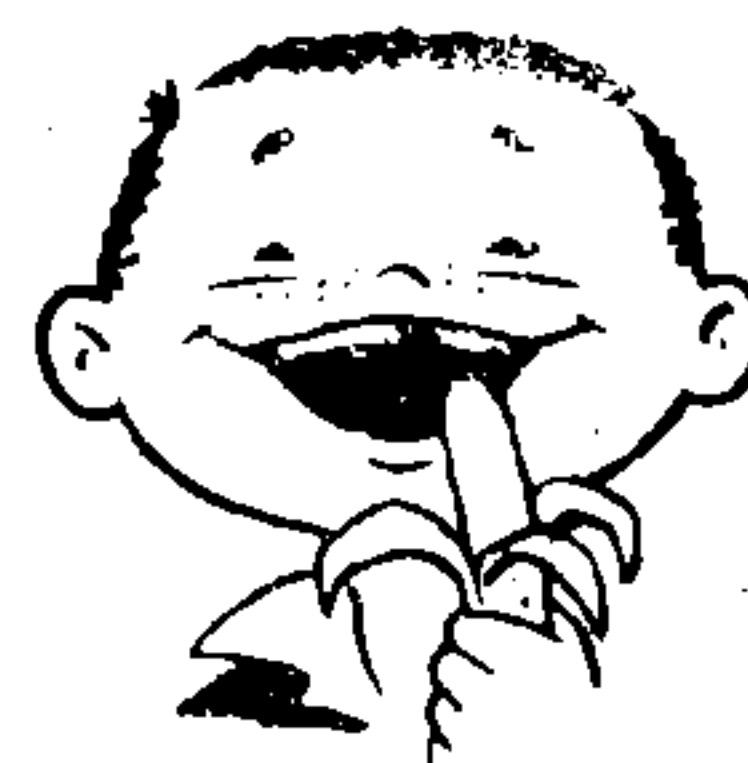
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Entertainment

By Don Bruce

It does not seem like a month since the last 'entertainment' column was written, but deadline time has come round again, so here goes with the June offering. As summer approaches, theatrical and movie seasons end and it is natural for thoughts to be turned out of doors.

During the fall, winter and spring months it has been the pleasure of this writer to report, for your benefit, on some excellent entertainment which has been offered in the Ward 3 area. In numerous columns, I have urged readers to attend and support the groups and companies who have been performing. To those who responded, why not write to the Jane Corridor and let others know what you thought and if and how you enjoyed the shows.

On Friday June 4, your columnist attended the opening performance of a play called "Rinse Cycle," given at the Yorkwoods Library Theatre by "The Yorkwoods Players". Set in the 50's, this play, written by Jackie Crossland and Rudy LaValle, gave ample scope to Director Gregory Heyn to coax from his youthful cast a most enjoyable performance.

These young performers showed excellent acting potential and they caught a great deal of the 50's spirit in their actions. The plot centres round the Gang at the local laundromat. Contributing to the overall effect was the clever use of a minimum of sets and props. The many scene changes were achieved by the moving around and reversal of the imaginatively designed set. The whole production was rounded off by some snappy choreography and the general enthusiasm of all concerned.

It was difficult to imagine at times how so much action, particularly in the dance routines, could be engineered into the stage space available.

Congratulations are due to all connected in any way with this show.

I understand that it is to be adjudicated during the coming weekend so, on behalf of all readers, would offer best wishes to this delightful Company. Accompanying the column is a photograph of a scene from the show. That's all until September. Do enjoy the summer which seems to have arrived at last, and have a safe and happy holiday.



Three Yorkwoods Players in a scene from "Rinse Cycle"

Topcliff Mini Olympics

It was a triumphant evening for Topcliff Elementary School on Wednesday, June 2nd when their Mini Olympics Programme was held. A most impressive opening ceremony, using the flags of Canada and all her Provinces, heralded the start of many interesting, exciting and fun events, including Rhythm in Gymnastics and Musical Games Around the World. There were performances by choirs of various age groups which were a delight to the ear.

The children then got down to the exciting part of the evening . . . the obstacle runs and the hurdles and dashes and the high jumps and many other track and field events with many side trips to the 'hot-dog stand' to sustain that enormous energy with which children always seem to abound.

Thence to the closing events and the presentation of medals . . . the climax of the evening for some . . . by the School Principal, Mr. Lloyd Griffiths.

Altogether, a beautifully organized evening, enjoyed by people of all ages, as evidenced by the many smiling faces around. The organizers and participants are to be congratulated for their hard work and meticulous attention to detail -- and who ordered the beautiful weather? Well done, Topcliff!

THE INTREPID SEVEN

By Jack Harris

On the weekend of April 30th to May 2nd, the 13th Downsview Scout Troop took part in the Downsview Area Scout Camporee at Camp Goodyear near Orangeville.

Due to the fact that the Variety Club Bike-A-Thon had been postponed from the previous Saturday, only seven of the Scouts were able to attend the Camporee, many of the others being committed to take part in the Bike-A-Thon.

The seven Scouts, John Difalco, Brian Difalco, Gordon Shier, Paul Justensen, Brian Ley, John Harris, John Luchetti and their leaders Byron Geddis and Jack Harris went with the intention of doing their best and they certainly did, with each Scout giving 100% effort. The

events started early Saturday morning, ending at lunchtime on Sunday. They covered all aspects of Scouting: Knot Tying, Compass Work, First Aid, Physical Fitness and so on. Due to the small number of Scouts available, our boys had to compete twice in some events and, although the 13th led for most of the camp, their strength eventually started to give out and they were beaten into second place with a score of 114 against 1st Beverly with 118. But it was not until the last event on Sunday that the victors emerged.

Although beaten, the gallant seven were not disgraced and the Group Committee members and the leaders would like to take this opportunity to say publicly, "We are proud of you."

Westview Music Supporters

By Lois Favro

This past month has been a busy one for the Westview music students and their parents with all the concerts, examinations, etc. On May 25th and 26th the Canadian Stage Band held their National Finals at York University and many of our students were involved. Many thanks to the parents who were able to billet the music students from Hamilton Junior High School of North Vancouver, B.C.

These students under the leadership of Bob Rebagliati won first place in the Junior Class. For those who missed the Final Concert, Bob Richmond of Glen-Warren Broadcast will produce the CTV taping of the festival which will be aired on National television this fall.

On June 10th Music Night at W.C.S.S. (called '76 REVUE AND CANADA TOUR) was not only a



demonstration of the musical ability of the students but also a laughing commentary on the events which occurred since the school year 1975/76 began. Although the music department was emphasized, this commentary touched most aspects of the school life.

The music students performed on June 11th at the Forum at Ontario Place to a fair sized audience. The performers found that playing from a revolving stage was an exciting new experience. The weather was ideal with a full moon to add to a perfect evening.

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Tiny Toddlers

By Wanda MacNevin

As this season of the Tiny Toddlers' Club is ending, some of the groups decided they would take a day off from motherhood and leave the children to us.

The 415 Driftwood Group spent their time in the Halfway House at Pioneer Village. 15 Tobermory explored Pioneer Village and lunched at the Towne and Country Square.

35 Tobermory shopped at Albion Mall and the 2999 Jane Street Group walked to, around and from Pioneer Village.

When the mothers eventually came home (they took their time!), we learned that they had all had a super time and are looking forward to a trip to Centre Island with all the Groups together. But this time, the children get to go along.



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MULTICULTURALISM IS...



Miss Aird with her class

Photo by M. Steinbach

Ward 3 is made up of people from many different ethnic backgrounds and the children of Miss Aird's third grade class of Driftwood Public School represent this diversity.

To help the children better understand each other and for the pure enjoyment of learning about other customs, a multicultural exploration was initiated. The children visited different homes, read books and watched movies to learn about people who have come from other lands and who live in the same neighbourhood.

Here are some of the ideas the children have expressed about multiculturalism.

- Multiculturalism is:
- Learning about different kinds of people -- Yvette Elson.
 - Music -- Jackie Morgan
 - Relationships -- Dawn Naylor
 - Different kinds of clothing -- Karen Clarke
 - Many languages -- Jimmy Tramontm
 - All kinds of food -- like rice, spaghetti, hamburgers, yum, yum! -- Ketan Sheth
 - Many skin colours and many kinds of dancing -- Mariela Myica
 - Indian Sundance to Cha-Cha -- Pino Basso
 - Games -- Barry Harney
 - Different kinds of arts and crafts -- Wendy Steinbach
 - Many kinds of homes -- Mike Reid
 - Different governments -- Chris Trenton
 - Different laws -- Sean McCullough
 - Many religions -- Kim Bellefleur
 - Transportation by animals and machinery -- Margaret Jurasits
 - Many kinds of schools -- Alison Davis.
 - Eating cheese and onion pie (an English dish) at Mrs. Naylor's house -- Peter Palumbo.
 - Many kinds of writing -- Jillian Williams.
 - Eating potato chops (an East Indian dish) at Mr. and Mrs. Tejanis -- Wayne Morrow.
 - Fireplace cooking in Trinidad -- Vashtec Karrackingham
 - Rice farming in the east -- Brian Geddes
 - Open markets instead of supermarkets -- Flavio Papas.
 - Tasting Vinagretta from Lithuania -- Geraldine MacDonald.
 - Special celebrations -- Naushad Tijani.
 - Flags -- Oliver Owens
 - Money -- Paul Dobson
 - Sitting on chairs or the floor -- Shelley Resa.
 - Washing clothes by hand or with machines -- Tracey Cooper.
 - Ways of eating -- Karen Chambers.

Ethnic Recipes

Ward 3 has an exciting mixture of ethnic groups living within its borders. Let's share this rich diversity of heritage. One way is by exchanging favourite recipes for foods from our native lands. Our first recipe comes from Ceylon and was sent to us by Olga Abeyesekera.

SAVOURY RICE

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| 2 breakfastcupful boiled rice | 2 Leeks (chopped) |
| 4 large eggs | 4 scant tablespoonsful |
| 2 dessertspoonsful shredded | melted ghee |
| red onions | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 dessertspoonful chopped green chillies (seeds removed) | |

Fry the leeks in the ghee for about 5 minutes, then add the chillies and onions and fry all together until cooked but not brown. Beat the eggs in a basin with salt and pepper, turn into the same pan and fry all together, "scrambling" the eggs into rather coarse pieces, by mixing round and round with a wooden spoon. Now add the cooked rice, a big spoonful at a time, and mix well with each addition. Pile up on a hot dish and serve.

This is a very tasty way of serving rice. With meat or chicken curry it takes the place of the heavier ghee or yellow rice, although it is quite good by itself.

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SPANISH, ENGLISH, ITALIAN SPOKEN

Marie-Lucie Lawson: A Profile

By Antoinette DeThomasis

Marie-Lucie Lawson, a retired teacher since 1970 now of Downsview, still makes young people people a part of her life.

Miss Lawson, in her seventies, can look back to an active life of work and travel, and she has recaptured some of her experiences in her autobiography recently printed.

This book took sixteen years to write because of Miss Lawson's busy life and also because of her recurrent arthritis. The book describes her educational work with adults as well as with children of all ages but it does not reveal sufficiently for some people, who do not know her, the depth of her personality. It was written especially for her friends. In her autobiography, the writer mentions the importance of studying animals and plants which draws people and makes them more responsive.

Miss Lawson, however, does not spend her time reminiscing past events. She volunteers her services as a teacher of Religion to the Catholic School of St. Augustine of Canterbury,

with occasional visits to the other parochial schools of St. Charles Garnier, St. Wilfred and St. Francis Xavier. She is also a member of the Parish Italian Choir.

Miss Lawson was born in England and was educated in London, coming to Toronto after the First World War with her aunt. She began teaching at Havergal College and she remained in Toronto for fifteen years. In 1939, she was appointed to the English School of Our Lady of Sion in Jerusalem. From 1943 until 1947, Miss Lawson served in the British Army Education Corps as "Teacher of English to Allied Forces in Palestine," including a year instructing in the Polish Cadet School at Barbara Camp, near Gaza. Thus it was that Miss Lawson saw the beginning of the tragic struggle in the Middle East. Miss Lawson admits losing contact with many friends on account of the First and Second World Wars, but she made friends with many people who suffered from communist persecutions.

From 1956 to 1959, Miss Lawson was teaching in a Franciscan School in Jamaica and, when she returned to

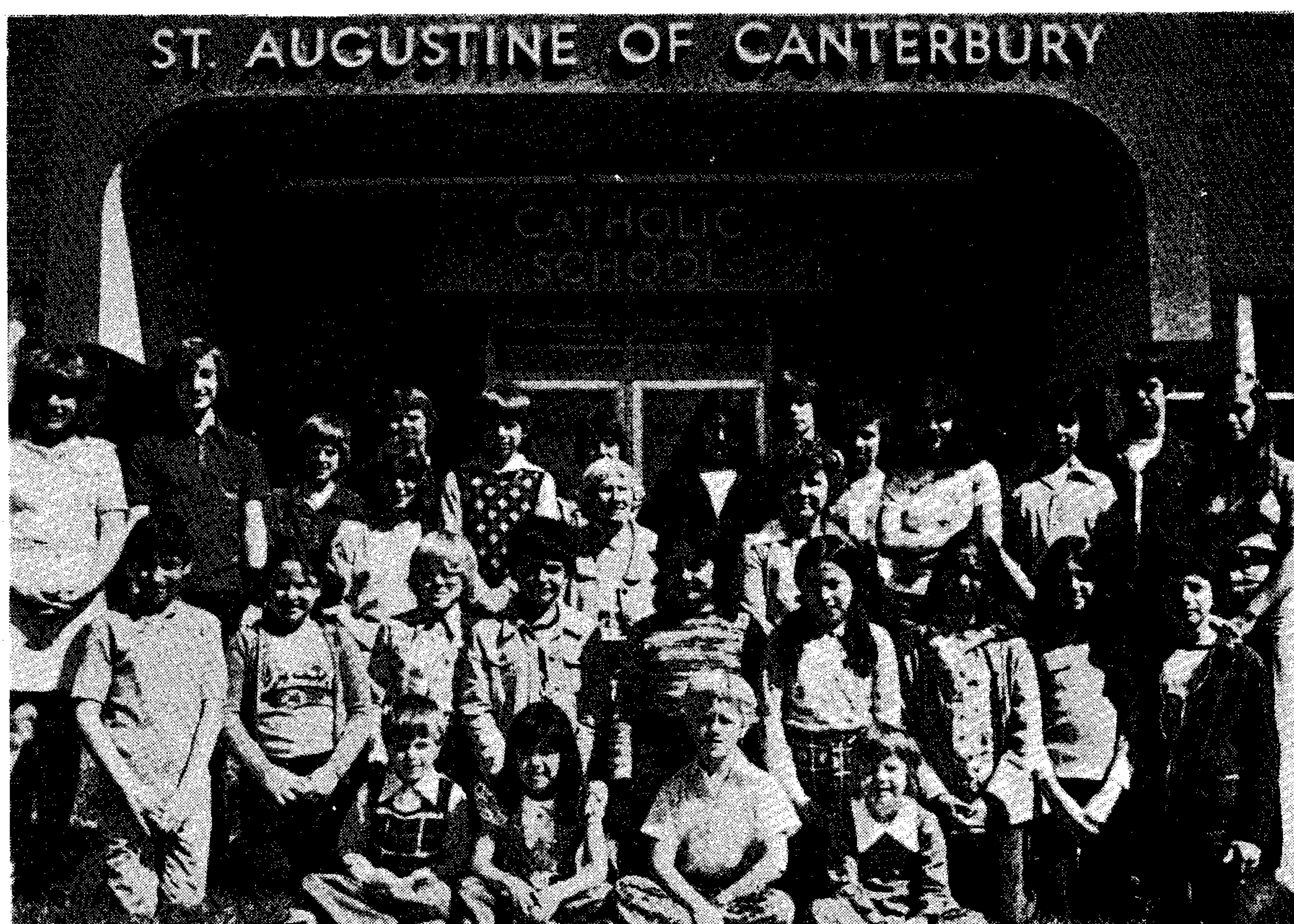
Toronto to look after her aging aunt, was appointed to the staff of the Metropolitan Separate School Board.

In 1974, she settled into an apartment on Shoreham Drive, Downsview.

"The Government of Ontario has been good to the elderly," said Miss Lawson. "They have provided buildings which are subsidized by the Government, rent being based on the individual income of the tenants. Each year, rents are reviewed, but this year, an increase in rent is to be expected."

"No, I do not play bingo or bridge," Miss Lawson said in reply to my questions, "I hardly have time for all the reading I want to do and for the many articles I write on a variety of subjects and, of course, I have the privilege of visiting the schools."

"My hobby is to collect stamps in aid of the Missions. There is always a friend to visit or some one is visiting me. My knowledge of French, Italian and German has often been helpful to my neighbours. I lead a busy, interesting and, I hope, useful life."



Miss Lawson (centre) with some of her pupils. Listed alphabetically are: Laura Campoli, Mima Casola, Denise Conway, Giuseppe D'Angelo, Gianni DeGasperis, Gino Fallavollita, Lisa Fazari, Mike Fazari, Peter Foto, Danny Grandilli, Kelly Heffernan, Blair Hembruff, Korina Liberta, Walter Maccani, Robert Mamone, Marianna Marano, Pina Paura, Ralph Peichl, Joey Pellegrini, Lucy Porretta, Tommy Robson, Maria Rotunda, Oswald Schaller, Mike Stairs, Sara Thorn. In addition, left to right, in the centre Miss Mary Garvey, teacher, Miss Marie-Lucie Lawson, Mrs. Elizabeth Connelly, Principal.

photo by Bill Walcus Jr.

Message From Your M.P.



By Bob Kaplan M.P.

Fuel Price Increase

People are asking why the Federal Government authorized a price increase on western oil. It will soon sell for \$9.75 per barrel. The answer is very simple.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

(1) Right now, 50% of our oil comes from abroad. We are committed to it with world prices about \$13.50 per barrel. To produce a single national price, Ottawa levies a tax on all consumption, which is used to bring the \$13.50 down to the western price level. None of this special levy is used for anything else.

(2) Only three provinces, the western ones, produce important amounts of oil and, under our constitution, their provincial governments have full power over the oil in the ground. They decide who can explore and exploit and on what basis. They set royalties. These royalties have been increased as much as tenfold and our national government has no power to alert or freeze these royalties.

(3) When the oil begins to cross borders, the Federal Government gets jurisdiction. Ottawa can ban the movement of oil (we have already stopped the flow to the U.S. to be phased over a few years) so it can set a ceiling on the price of oil moving from one province to another. But Ottawa cannot force a province to sell at the price it sets.

(4) Alberta has indicated that its oil will not be shipped at the old price. Unlike the Arabs who need oil dollars, Alberta can well afford to leave its oil in the ground for a few years. If it does, Canada will simply have to buy more off-shore, at \$13.50 per barrel.

(5) When Albertan Premier William Lougheed hears Ontario Premier Bill Davis complain about the Alberta government rake-off being too high, he can, in turn, point out that Ontario charges a special consumption tax on gasoline of 19 cents per gallon or \$7.60 per barrel. No other product in our Province is so heavily taxed. Ontario's Government gets more on a barrel of western oil used as gasoline than Alberta does. This tax should be altered.

(6) Ottawa too charges a tax, based on profits, but this tax, which can amount to 25 cents per barrel, can be reduced to as little as 3 cents per barrel if the company does maximum exploration.

(7) What is the right price? It is the lowest amount over \$8.00 at which the producers will ship. It is a price that will make both producers and consumers equally angry at Ottawa for being too low and too high. But that's politics.



KATIE HAYHURST

North York's labour strike which stopped garbage collection and closed recreation centres, arenas and other recreation facilities last month, lasted only 4 days -- but it represents the most demoralizing, costly and illogical decision ever made by North York Council. The cost is more than this Council can repay. The fault lies with 11 Council Members who were looking to the public for a pat on the back.

This is an election year. Some Council Members thought they could appear to be fighting inflation in the eyes of the public and thereby win favour with their stand against the North York labour force. Others had their nose put out of joint when they realized the union had outsmarted them months ago by joining forces with Metro Unions and signing an agreement to negotiate for similar contracts throughout Metro.

So, despite the fact that all other Metro municipalities

from your alderman

North York's Labour Strike

(except the Borough of York) had settled for wages and benefits (already approved by the Federal Anti-Inflation Board), North York Council voted to reject the same offer by our union.

Controller Bill Sutherland, a likely candidate for Mayor in December's election and one of five Council Members on the negotiating team, publicly claimed that Council was saving "the taxpayers money by refusing the union offer. I fail to see what he was talking about since most who voted for the strike in a private Council meeting had stated that they did not object to the overall cost of the union's offer -- only that they wanted to ensure that the settlement differed in some way with what was settled at Metro. The final settlement proves just that. Instead of the 11.1% wage increase plus improved benefits that Metro settled for, North York offered 11.3% wage increase plus benefits. It ended up costing more than the union was asking for.

It was a stupid strike. It was stupid not to settle before the strike happened. It accomplished nothing but bad feelings.

The most disturbing aspect was the demoralizing effect it had on the North York workers who were the victims of Council's stupidity. One secretary stopped me in the

hall a few days before the inside workers were to walk out (it would have been legal for them to strike approximately two weeks after outside workers went out.)

She spoke with grave concern: "I have worked for the Borough for 17 years -- worked hard -- and been proud of my job here. Now Council wants me to walk the streets begging for what I deserve. How degrading!"

The ones who will pay are the North York residents.

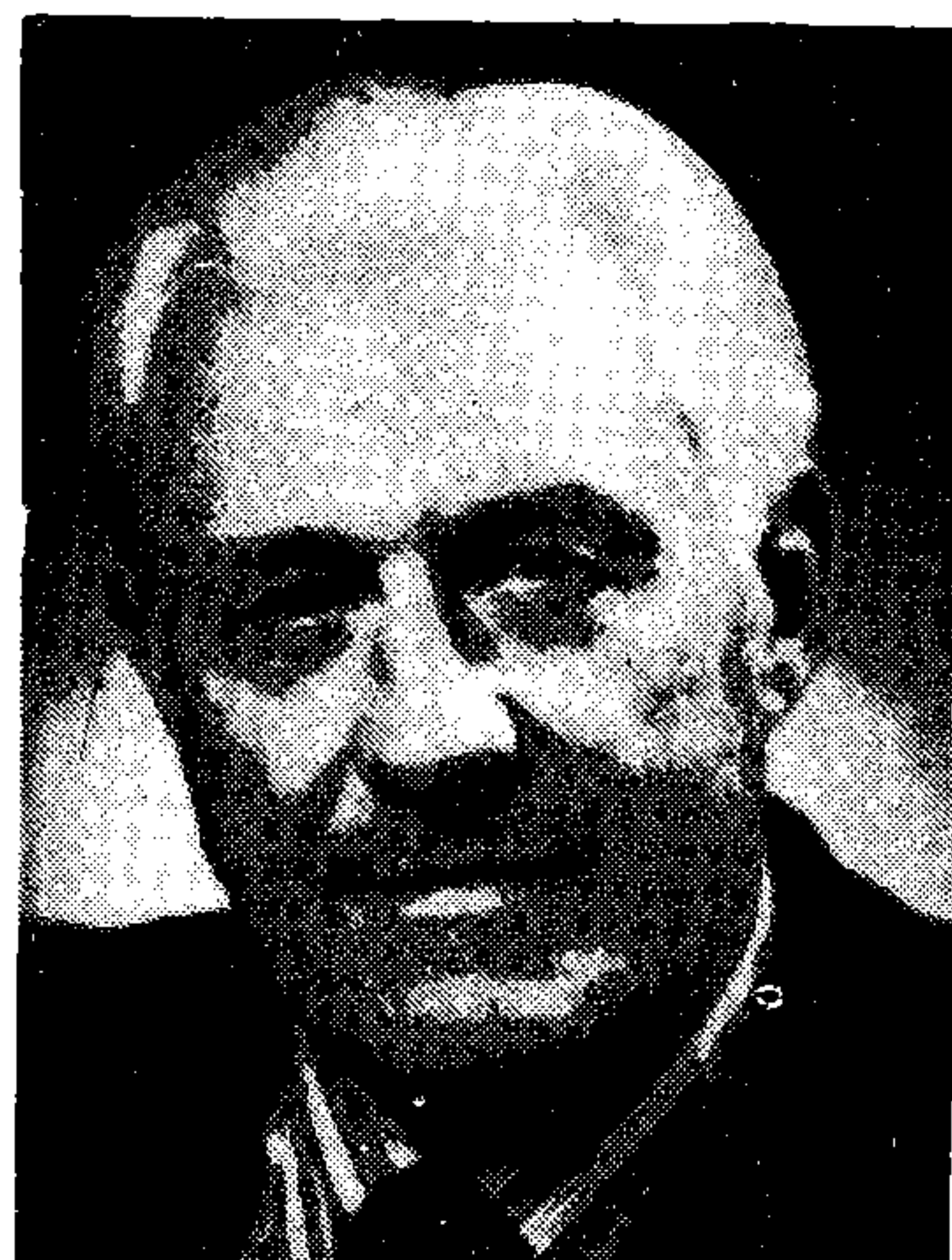
(Those supporting the strike were: Controllers Sutherland, Markin, McGivern; Aldermen Risk, Yuill, Shiner, Laceby, Summers, Clarke, Smith, Betty Sutherland. Those who voted to settle before the strike were: Mayor Lastman, Controller Greene, Aldermen Valenti, Hayhurst, Chapley, Roche, Penfold, Norton)

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ANOTHER SHOCK AT THE GAS PUMP



We all knew it was coming, but that doesn't make it hurt any less! When the price of crude oil is raised by \$1.75 a barrel we pay 6 cents more a gallon at the service station. When Fall comes the oil tank will cost us a lot more to fill.

Premier Davis has said he will go along with the federal idea that the price increase should be delayed 60 days so the pipelines will be cleared

of the present oil and filled with the higher price stuff. But our researchers say that it will take at least 116 days for present inventories of 65 million barrels to be exhausted. In 60 days only about half that amount will be used and the oil companies will make a windfall profit of close to thirty million dollars. It's like a grocer raising the price on a can of peas he bought months ago!

Between 1972 and 1974 Imperial Oil's profit went up 85%, Shell's 80% and Gulf's 152%. They're not suffering too much -- and now we get ripped off for at least half of the inventory they have in their systems!

The oil companies, of course, don't get all the increased price. They get 53%, the producing provinces get 44% and the federal government 3%. The companies are supposed to plough half of their increase back into exploring for new oil. If they

don't, the federal government will raise its share of the tax. But that doesn't help the consumer much -- and it doesn't find new oil! And there's just no guarantee from the oil companies that their promises will be honoured -- and past experience indicates that they do about as they like in Canada!

Tommy Douglas, MP. and former premier of Saskatchewan, argued that all the additional revenue should go into a national resource fund. Then the oil companies, governments, and Petro Canada -- our national oil firm -- could draw on this fund to finance exploration. This would mean that we would be no longer at the mercy of the oil companies for exploration. It would also guarantee that the increases we're now paying at the gas pump will all go to finding more oil in Canada.

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Ward 3 Student Honoured

By Bill Waicus Jr.

Unlike most other 13-year olds Dwayne Standing each week had to attend school for five hours each day, "work" another 35, be paid \$7.50 daily for his efforts, and had just enough time left over to visit his Ward 3 home on weekends.

As one of twenty student "pages" in the third session of the thirtieth Parliament of the Ontario Legislature, Dwayne has carried on a role dating back to the 1800's. Pages are responsible for distributing sessional documents to the Members of the Legislature and running errands for them. When the House is sitting the youngsters work a full day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and one night each week until 10:30 p.m. when the House adjourns. Of the twenty pages in the third session, ten were girls.

From over 250 applications received from all points across the province only those in grades 7 and 8, with a scholastic average of at least 80%, are considered.

"After my father first suggested I try for the position," explained Dwayne, "I wrote a letter to our M.P.P. (Fred Young) explaining why I was interested. He presented it to the Speaker of the House (Hon. Russell D. Rowe), and after it was OK'd with my parents and school principal, I started in March."

Two months later he took up where he had left off as a grade 7 student at St. Jane Francis School. "It was sur-



Dwayne Standing with the Speaker of the House — the Hon. Russel D. Rowe.

prising. It didn't take as long as I first thought to readjust to school," he commented, "especially with my final exams only a few weeks away!"

Dwayne found "working with kids my own age" and, especially, "delivering messages and actually

meeting with M.P.P.s from all over Ontario" the best part of his experience at Queen's Park.

He, in turn, will now join a long line of former student "pages" that have since gone on into careers in law, medicine, business, education and politics.

The Goals of Education

By Dave Logan
Ward 3 Trustee

What exactly should schools do? What are the aims and objectives of education? Everybody has his own answers to these questions. For some it is simply the 3 Rs, for others it is the nurturing of young people both intellectually and socially. Should we be preparing students for specific jobs or trying to teach them independence and self reliance so that they can tackle many jobs?

In our ward you will get as many answers to these questions as there are teachers and parents. Certain common themes, however, emerge and these should form the focus of our future planning. This spring the School Board has set up a Task Force which will attempt to identify and set down these goals of education so that we can plan more effectively. This is an opportunity for all of us to sit back and reflect, not on short term problems, but more on the long term. What is the educational system for? What does it hope to achieve? There will be many opportunities after the summer for public input both here and elsewhere in North York and I hope many of you will consider the problem over the next few months so that you can contribute.

For example:

(a) How long should children stay in school, 8 years, 10 or 13?

(b) What is the social role of the school?

(c) Should there be a "core" curriculum and if so, what should be taught?

(d) Should we intersperse schooling with on-the-job training?

(e) What are our hopes for handicapped and disabled children?

(f) With changing life styles, what role should the schools have in adult education and retraining?

(g) What is the role of home work for young children?

(h) Where is the balance between parental and school responsibility for discipline and morals?

(i) What is the role of the school building itself? Should we perhaps be shifting to education throughout the community at a variety of sites?

These are only a few of many concerns we will be discussing. However, it is important once in a while to step back from the hectic day-to-day business of living and try to assess what you are doing and why.

I hope many of you will think about these and other possibilities for education and share them with all of us who are planning for our children's future.

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Don't forget CANADA DAY -- June 26th at Jane Junior High School (12-5) and Winters College at York University (Evening Dance).

This will be a chance to see the Community Centre under construction, to play, eat, listen, learn and meet some new neighbours. That's what a community is all about.

Sports Seminars

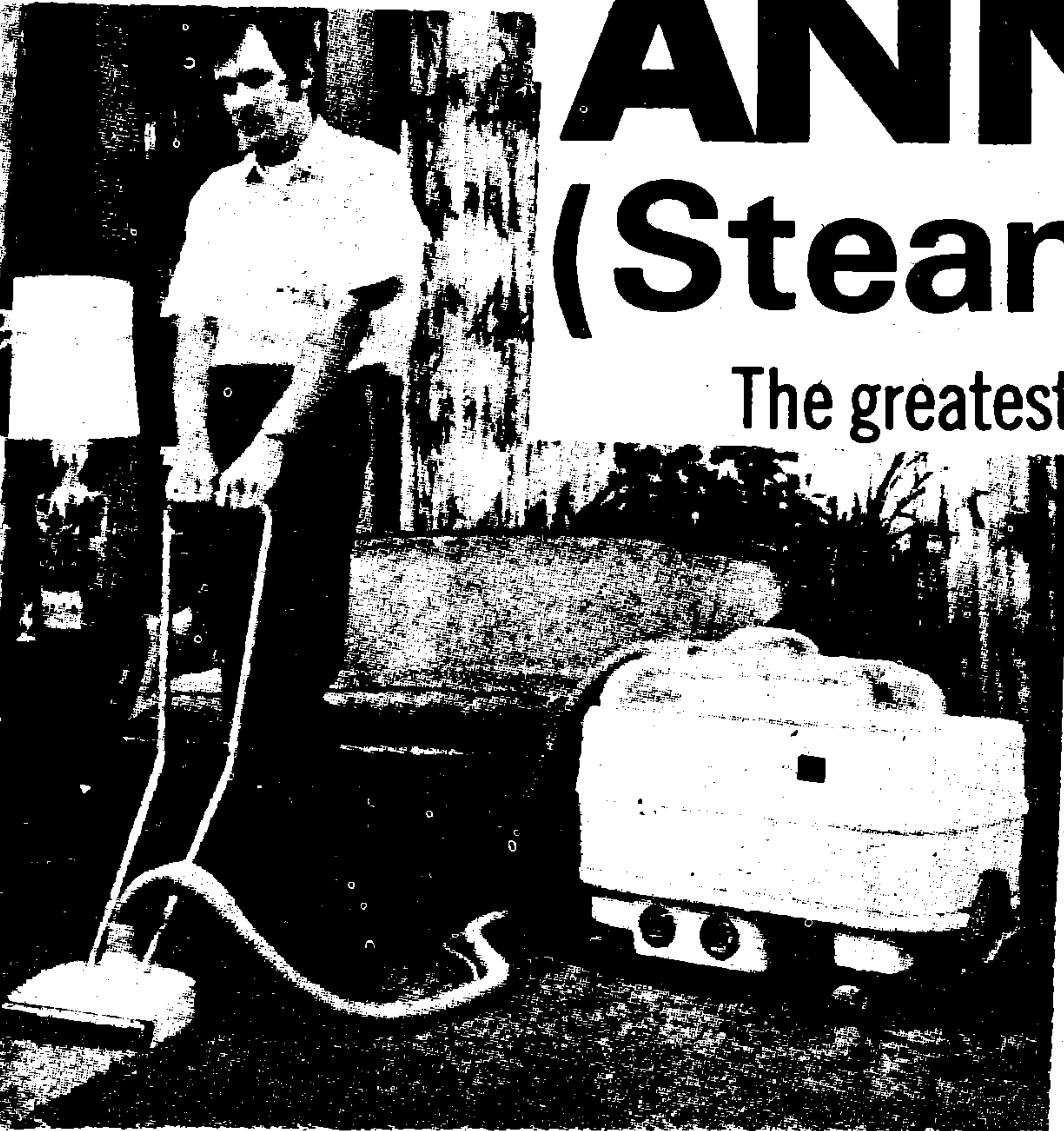
York University is offering a series of sports seminars from June 21 to September 3 for anyone interested in improving their athletic skills. These seminars will be led by a number of internationally-known coaches. The Volley-

ball Seminar will be held June 21-25; Modern Gymnastics and Lacrosse from June 28-July 2; Contemporary Dance and Physical Education for Elementary School Teachers from July 5-7; Tennis from July 12-16; Badminton from July 19-23;

Basketball from August 2-7; Canadian Gymnastics from August 9-27; Field Hockey from August 16-20; and Football from August 30-September 3. Applications and further information can be obtained by contacting John Dobbie at 667-3529.

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Neighbourhood Action Hearing Results

All of the DWAC sponsored Neighbourhood Action Hearings have taken place. One of the purposes of those hearings was to find out the kinds of things people would like to see happen in their neighbourhoods and to take steps toward attaining them. In the May issue of the Jane Corridor we reported some action already taken in response to these hearings. Here are some further results.

Yorkwoods: Residents here expressed concern about the amount of under age drinking and the relatively easy access youngsters in the area have to beer and liquor. A letter was sent to the Crime Prevention Officer in this area asking about the possibility of more active policing of liquor retail outlets. There has been no reply.

Another concern was voiced about dangerous traffic conditions which exist at the Jane and Finch intersection. One of the causative factors is the high number of exists and entrances at this corner. (There are seven for the east-west direction and 6 south of Finch Ave. on Jane St. An eight -- east of Jane St. -- will soon be added as an entrance to the new Palisades development.) A letter sent to Alderman Hayhurst and forwarded to the traffic commissioner has yielded no response.

Yorktown: Some of the residents here voiced a desire to have the John Booth Arena made available for a learn-to-skate program for adults. D. W. Snow, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation answered a query about this. "The matter relating to adult learn-to-skate programs is under review by the Recreation Branch of the Department and if it is at all possible within the overall scheduling of the John Booth Memorial Arena during the winter season of 1976-77, we will institute a learn-to-skate

program for adults. Being an adult program, there will be a registration fee as the program must be operated on a self-supporting basis in compliance with North York Council policy." Sufficient registration is needed to have the program go.

An alternative would be to have community people rent the arena themselves for \$25.00 an hour. If enough people were interested, an adult learn-to-skate evening could be organized for very little cost.

The "boccia" court in Elm Park has no fence enclosure and, therefore, is dangerous to onlookers. Fencing for this court will be provided for in the 1977 Budget Estimates. If sufficient monies are available before then, fences will be put up in the latter part of this year. "In the meantime," Mr. Snow states, "we would hope that spectators would keep well back from the boccia players and that furthermore the players themselves would exercise caution in playing the game to avoid injury to anyone nearby."

The recreational facilities at Antica Village (a privately owned complex) are underused at this time. It was suggested that perhaps these facilities (swimming pool, gymnasium, day care centre) could be opened up to the community-at-large. It was also suggested that the YMCA come in and organize a recreation program for this centre. Such a proposal from the YMCA has been submitted to the developer of Antica Village. The proposal contains recommendation that an advisory board be set up that includes not only Antica Village residents but also members of the larger community through DWAC.

Spenny Valley: Library facilities are badly needed in this neighbourhood. A letter was sent to John E. Dutton,

Chief Librarian for North York Public Libraries, and he is looking into the suggested possibility of locating temporary library facilities in the Spenny Valley School.

Results of other concerns of residents here were reported in the May issue of the Jane Corridor.

University Village: There was strong concern expressed here about problems relating to the numbers of young people who congregate in the Edgeley Park area and harass those passing by or wishing to use the park. It was thought that perhaps a meeting of the local residents, merchants, and agencies in the area (e.g. YAP, O.H.C., Black Creek Venture, Community Guardians) would be a helpful first step towards alleviating the many problems related to having so many young people crowded into a small area with nothing to do. This request was taken to Community Worker, Irene Shapiro, of YAP. She plans to look into the possibility of having such a meeting.

DWAC: A letter was sent from DWAC to the Board of Education asking for a statement of policy concerning the use of school facilities for activities. The reply stated that any non-profit, bonafide community organization can use the schools free of charge during the school year. During the summer months, the Elementary and Junior High Schools are open from 9:00 to 5:00 -- not evenings. Changes may have to be made in the fall. The smaller schools may be open two evenings a week on a rotating basis due to the cuts in caretaking staff. The cost of using a school on Saturdays is \$8.80 an hour; on Sundays it is \$12.00 an hour. All bookings, whether for community use or recreational use, must be booked through the Board of Education.

Mini-Golf Course Planned

By Peggy Gemmell

One of the ongoing problems in Ward 3 has been a lack of commercial recreation facilities. With so little space left in the area other than the unused Hydro land, and with the Hydro Commission's new policy allowing such usage, it was only a matter of time until someone came up with a constructive plan for it.

A proposal has been submitted to the North York Planning Board for construction of a mini-golf course on the section of Hydro land just north of the Esso car wash and east of Yorkgate Blvd. Planning Board staff are currently studying the proposal and a decision is expected in a few weeks.

The proposal, submitted by

Don Pyatt, a Toronto Businessman, includes a snack bar, washrooms, 18-hole mini-golf course and a possible three tennis courts. The tennis courts are not expected to be built until Mr. Pyatt has had a chance to get to know the area and its residents so he can better assess the need for them.

Mr. Pyatt originally submitted this proposal for a piece of land near Bathurst Street but it turned out to be unsuitable. Ross Hitch, counsel for Mr. Pyatt, said that while they were at the borough offices, they learned from Ward 3 Alderman about the need for recreation facilities of many kinds in this area and so renegotiated for this new location. They are hoping for an opening in Spring of 1977.

Children's Summer Dance Classes

Dance classes for children aged 7 and 8 will be offered by the Dance Department at York University this summer. Under the supervision of the Faculty of Fine Arts, senior dance students will conduct a series of classes each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the York University Fine Arts Building. Classes commence July 6 and continue through August 12. Creative Modern

dancing will be stressed over more traditional forms. The program is open to interested members of the public. The fee for six weeks of classes is \$24. A number of partial sponsorships are available for families who cannot afford the full fee.

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Do You Know Where Your Child Is?

By Kirthie Abeyesekera

Two Metro policemen, smart in their black and red uniforms, patrol the Yonge Street strip beneath the blaring sound of loudspeakers heralding six new models in a non-stop exposition of the female body. It is likely that the female will be a teen-ager. And as the action goes on, amidst the glitter of dazzling neon signs, comes the news.

The Police Youth Staff Services reports preteen prostitution. Juvenile crime has hit an all time high. A fifteen year-old boy is charged with the attempted murder of a probation officer. Thirteen year-old children are on the booze. The Addiction Research Foundation reveals that 93 percent of grade 13 children have had alcohol.

At Queen's Park, the drinking age debate goes on. "To raise or not to raise," -- the legislating Hamlets hesitate.

A picture of the growing generation gap portrays a tug-of-war -- the two generations pulling in different directions. Parents have succumbed to children's defiance. Teachers have surrendered to student revolt. Social attitudes have undergone sweeping changes, sufficiently strong to accept sophistication where convention was once the rule.

The old values have gone. No alternatives have taken their place. The social fabric is wearing thin. The ground is giving way under uncertain feet.

I am no puritan. Good Heavens, no. But what does disturb the mind is the large numbers of people, too young to know what they are doing, left to their own devices, straying in places they should not be found in, going their own way, while the elders do not seem to know, or care.

I have seen little children roam the Yonge Street sin strip, unaccompanied, peeking into sin-spots, straining their little eyes to see that which should not be seen by them, gaping for a taste of that forbidden fruit: I have watched hordes of children gather at subway stations and shopping malls,

doing their own thing, like nobody's business.

In the meantime, adults are buried neck deep in their newspapers and books, or they are doing their own thing, seeing not the dangers that lurk in the corners. Back home, glued to television, they have no time to gather the family around that once-familiar dinner table to enjoy the best means of communication ever known to mankind.

Television, perhaps the world's most effective communication medium, that has such a tremendous impact on Canadian homes has, ironically cut off communication amongst members of the same household. It has tragically created a 'Terrible Vacuum' in the lives of both, adults and children.

Blessed with a highly advanced communications system that has brought the world closer to it, Canadian Society paradoxically is falling apart.

Food, drink, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, hockey -- they are all good. Taken in the right quantities, they are beneficial to mind, body and soul. Overdoses of any of them can lead to irreparable damage. So too with the media. Advances in science and technology have made machines out of human beings who have no time for one another, not even for their own children, nor even for their parents. Therein lies the widening gap.

Canadian marriages are going on the rocks. The divorce rate is spiralling. Crime is spreading its vicious tentacles to the sportsfield.

Canada is a young and growing nation. Despite its brief 109-year history, it has a tremendous potential for shaping the world's destiny.

Yet, I often wonder whether Canada will survive as a nation of human beings or whether it will allow the automations it creates to devour it.

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(Ed note: Kirthie Abeyesekera is a journalist and a former crime reporter, feature writer and columnist with the "Ceylon Observer")

Youth Week

"WHAT'S GOING ON THIS SUMMER?" That was the theme of the Youth Week Information Caravan the week of June 1st to 5th. The Caravan travelled to three schools in the Jane-Finch area, and then met at the Jane Finch Mall. Parks and Recreation, Yorkwoods Library, the "Y", York Youth Connection, Lifeline, the Salvation Army, The Clinic and a number of other programme groups talked with people and explained their programmes for the summer of '76.

Response was sometimes encouraging, sometimes discouraging.

The groups who participated will be looking at new approaches in an evaluation meeting June 23rd.

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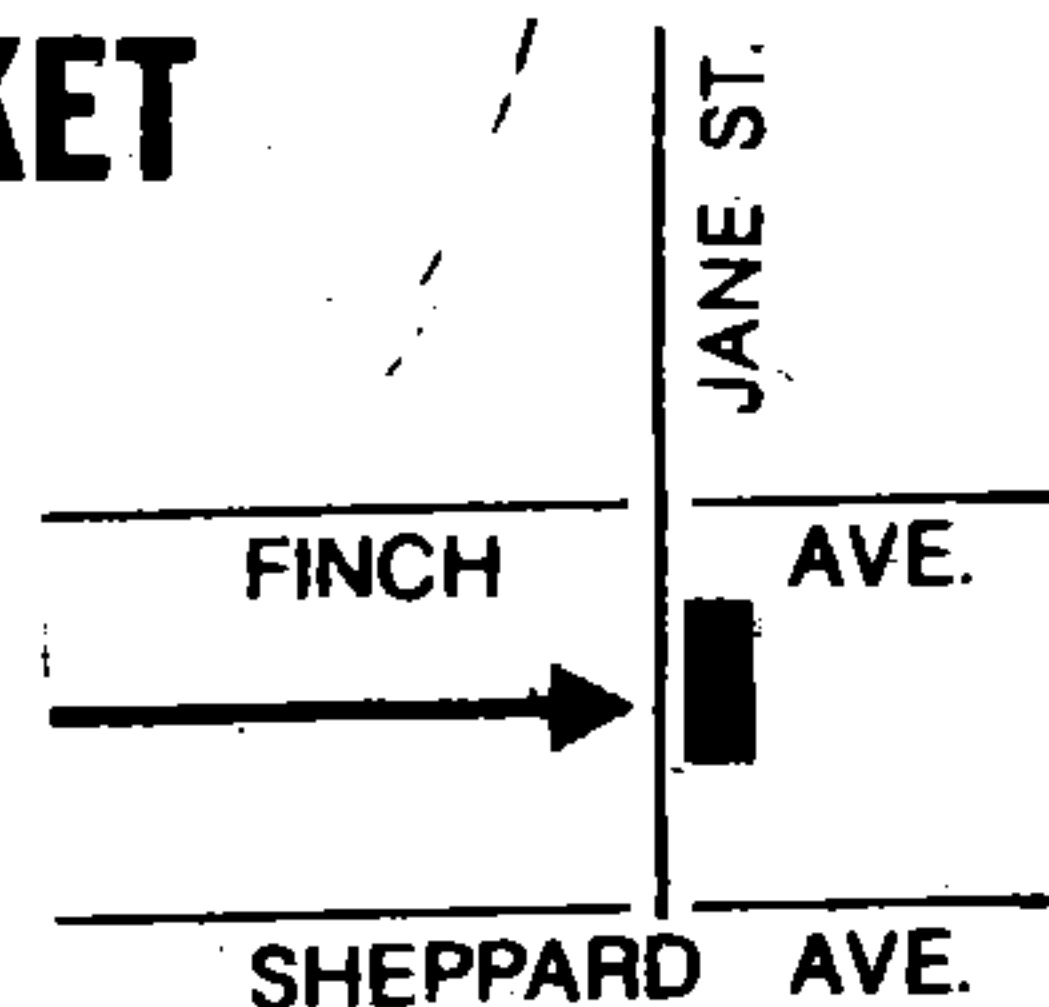
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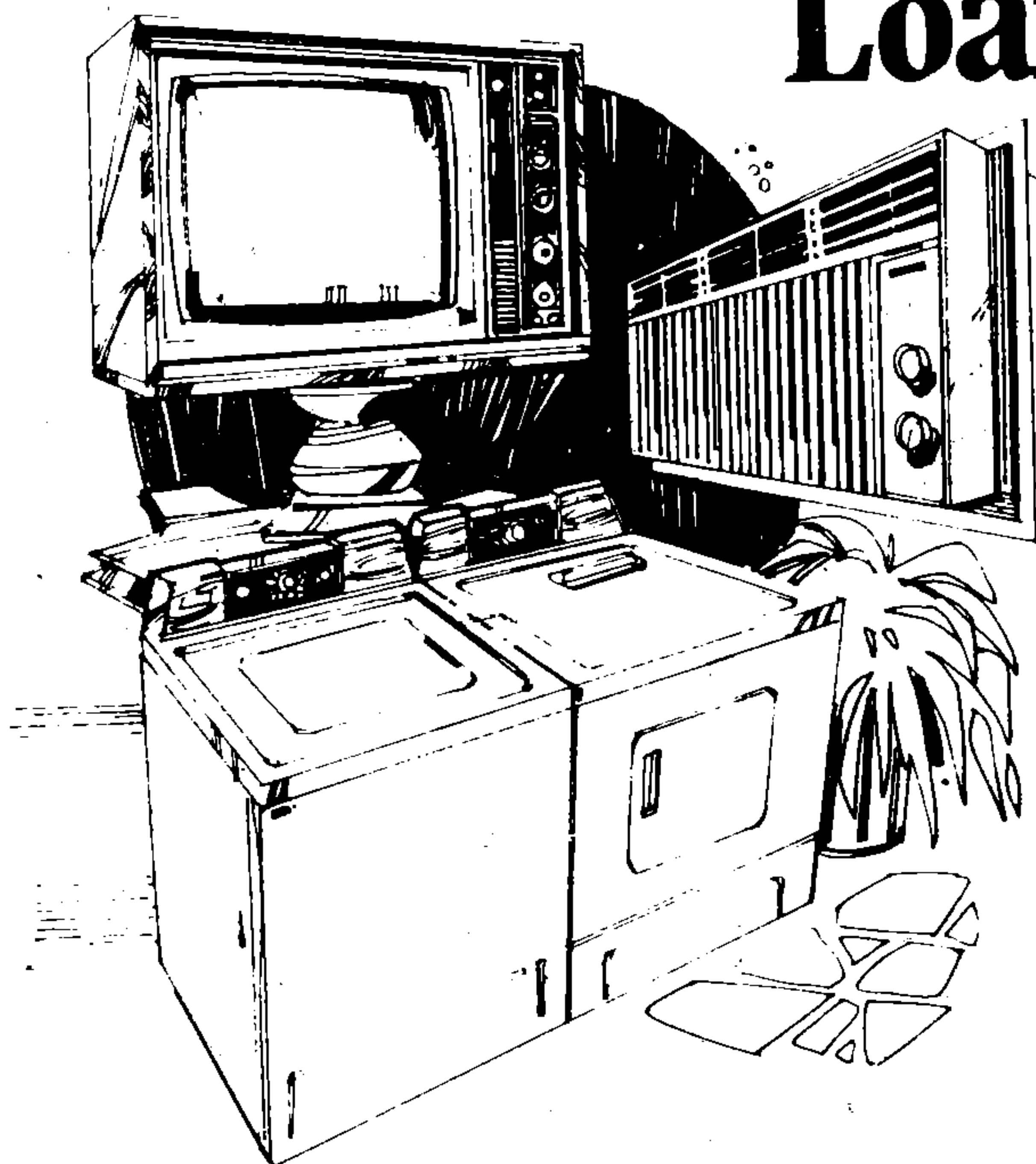
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Track Funds Stalled

By Bruce Kidd

The up-and-down Metro track and field facility proposed for a site at York University, took two more bounces last month. First the Ontario Municipal Board sent it back for reconsideration on the grounds that Metro in recent years had spent a larger than usual amount on park acquisition and facilities and, at this time of financial constraint, another facility was not in the public interest. Then, on June 2nd, Metro Council voted to send the track back to the OMB for approval.

If ever built, the \$2.5 million facility will be the only place closer than Sudbury where our athletes can train and compete on a surface—synthetic rubber—comparable to the standard of international competitions. Winnipeg got such a track in 1967 for the Pan-American Games and there are now five such tracks in Montreal. During the last year, Toronto athletes preparing for the Olympic Games have travelled all over North America in order to train on a synthetic rubber surface.

The York track's fate seems to have been enhanced last week by the discovery that Metro will need to borrow another \$2.8 million to complete the renovations to CNE Stadium to accommodate commercial baseball, a decision which will require OMB approval as well. The Stadium renovations have already cost \$15 million.

The track and field training facility was originally tied to the Stadium proposals to offset strong objections from the amateur sports com-

munity. "Why should public funds provide jobs for American athletes when Toronto athletes in the Olympic sports have no place to train, although Metro itself applied for the Olympic Games in 1970?" a number of community sports groups argued at the time. They also said that Metro had an obligation to replace the track being removed by the CNE renovations.

Given the almost certain objections to the OMB if Metro had decided to seek the extra \$2.8 million for the Stadium while dropping the track, it's not surprising that Metro Council approved both projects on the same day.

Part of the extra money will be used to build 14 of the lavish apartment-like box seats now common to a number of U.S. arenas and stadiums. For about \$5,000 a year, on a 3-5 year lease, private individuals or corporations can rent one of these boxes and install their own broadloom, refrigerator, television, stereos or whatever. According to Stadium Manager, Gordon Walker, the boxes will be a big revenue item. It is Metro's hope to pay off the \$17.8 million renovation loans by stepped-up stadium rentals.

York Youth Connection

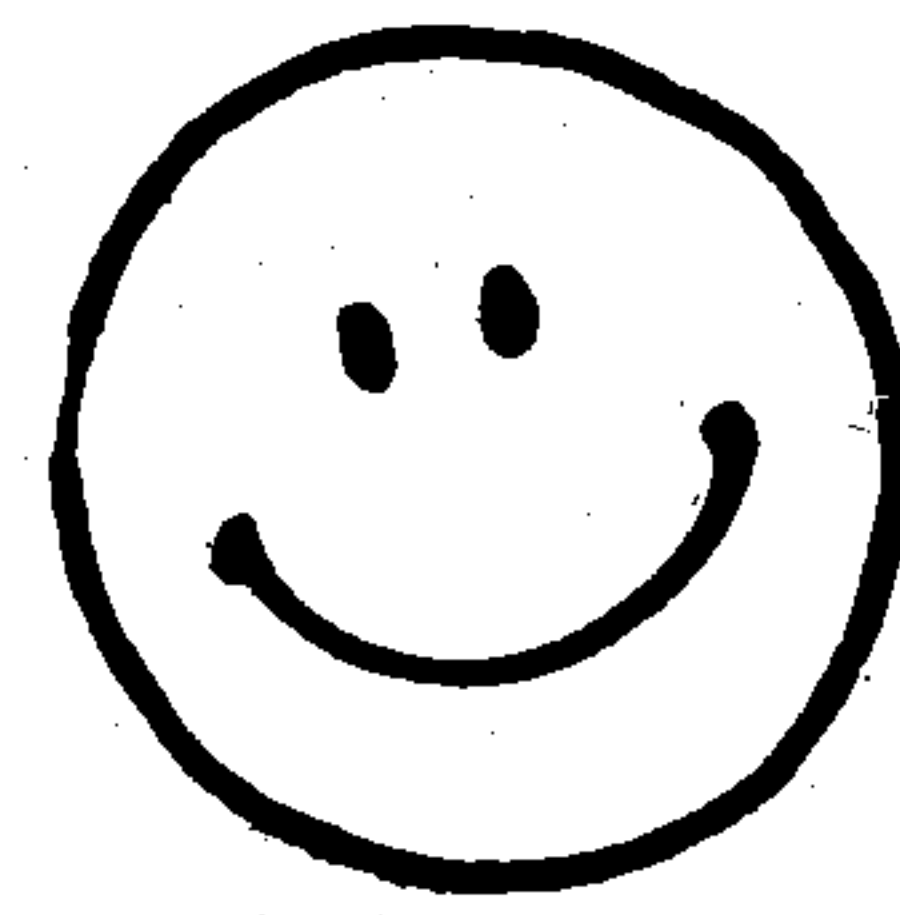
There is still time to apply to be part of the **York Youth Connection** -- the summer programme that is being planned for Ward 3 young people aged 12-16. York University is sponsoring this venture with financial support from Wintario.

A wide variety of activities will help the youngsters learn and enjoy new skills. Sports such as tennis, canoeing soccer, badminton, volleyball, basketball, baseball, swimming, gymnastics, judo, karate, and wrestling, will be featured. There will be a creative arts programme including photography, film making, theatre, poetry, pottery, wood carving, macrame, and painting. As well there will be a vocational arts programme. Excursions are also being planned.

The programme runs from July 5th to July 30th and is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is located on the York University Campus and the fee is \$30.00 per child.

If you think your son or daughter would enjoy and benefit from this summer programme, please call Diane Davies at 667-6262 for further information.

Pat On The Back



If anyone rates a Pat on the Back, it is **Esther Harris**, who lives right in the heart of our own Ward 3, in London Green Court.

Esther has held various positions in the Group Committee of the 13th Downsview Cubs and Scouts and is currently the Group Chairman. The word 'currently' should be used advisedly because Esther resigned a few days ago to "give someone else a chance" and also to have a wee break for herself this summer. Of course she has been known to resign before, at least three times.

She is the mother of five children, two of whom are still little ones and she has a fulltime job, working nine-to-five behind a desk.

How she has found the time to attend all the meetings (she's never been known to miss one), to organize all the fund-raising events right down to the nitty-gritty, and

all the fun trips the cubs and scouts have had for the past several years, only Esther and her family can tell.

What boggles the mind is the fact that, in addition to all this, Esther does the planning, shopping for the food, makes the sandwiches, and then bakes the cakes by the endless dozen. Then, on arrival, and more often than she should have to, rolls up her sleeves and cooks the hamburgers or hot-dogs. If there's one person in the gang who happens to prefer tea when everyone else is drinking coffee or hot chocolate, darn it all -- he or she gets that cup of tea.

Well done, Esther. Have a good, good Summer. You've certainly earned it. See you in the Fall!

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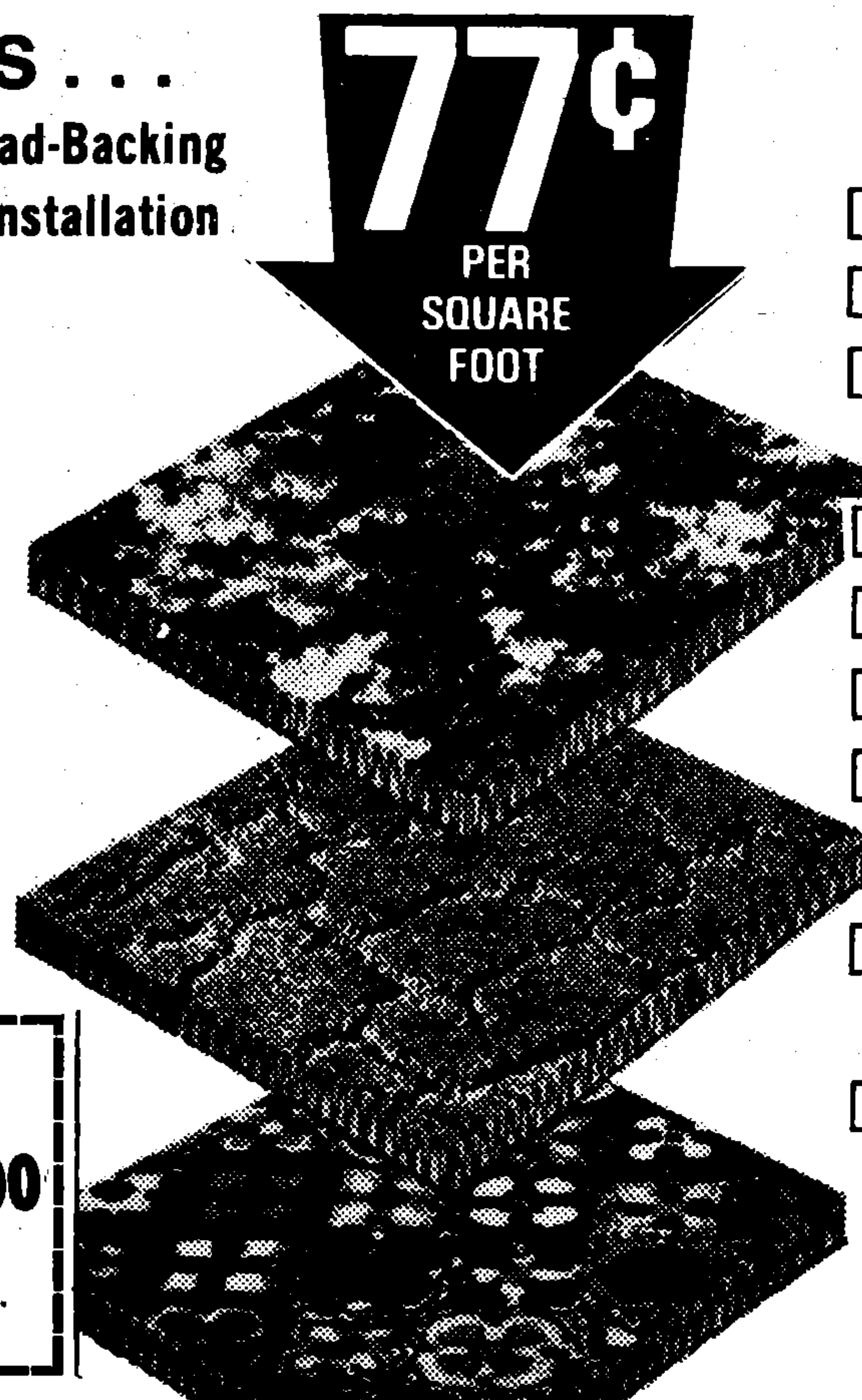
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